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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

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**EXPEDITED PROCEDURE** 

**EXAMINER:** 

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**EXAMINING GROUP: 1724** 

TITLE:

FLOWTHROUGH BATCH LIQUID PURIFIER

## AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED 24 FEBRUARY 2000

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

EXTENSION OF TIME

A Petition for Extension of Time along with the required fee accompanies this Response.

The applicant acknowledges receipt of the form PTO-948 with the Office Action. The applicant requests reconsideration and further prosecution of the claims.

## **AMENDMENT**

## In the Specification:

On page 1, line 26, please insert --flow of-- between "precedes the" and "ozone".

On page 3, after line 34, please add:—Whenever a pumping and mixing system relies upon an established flow to induct (venturi) or draw in an ozone-containing gas, it is likely that a quantity of untreated liquid will pass prior to the induction of the ozone-containing gas. Since the preferred embodiment of the instant invention includes a contact chamber 22, which provides plug flow, it is prudent to ensure that the initial liquid

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